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The hon. the PRESIDENT:—" May I point out that the hon. Minister is inaudible?" (Laughter.)

Mr. G. R. PREMAYYA:—" May I know if industrial education is not education?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—" That question relates to quite a different department. It has been examined by that department and found that even at present Indian Christians are getting more than they would be eligible for on any understandable basis, population or otherwise."

Industries

Wood-work shop at Olavakkode.

* 534 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur A. APPADURAI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government took over the wood-work shop abandoned by the Forest department at Olavakkode;

(*b*) if so, when and at what cost; and

(*c*) how the Government propose to utilize the workshop and what progress has been made so far in that direction?

A.—The Industries department did not take over the wood-work shop abandoned by the Forest department. The wood-working machinery and the power transmission equipment available there were transferred to the Government Industrial school, Calicut, on 29th May 1932 for a consideration of Rs. 4,400.

So far it has been possible to erect only part of the machinery. It has been found very useful for the manufacture and production of packing cases supplied to the Kerala Soap Institute and for instructional and demonstration purposes. The rest of the machinery will be installed and ready for operation in the course of the year.

Sericultural operations.

* 535 *Q.*—Diwan Bahadur A. APPADURAI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether sericultural operations were extended to any fresh centres during 1931–32 and 1932–33;

(*b*) if so, (i) to what centres, (ii) what the area under mulberry cultivation is, (iii) what the nature and cost is of the establishment appointed to look after the work; and

(*c*) whether there has been any extension of work at *Palmaner* and *Kuppam* in regard to (i) the area under mulberry cultivation and (ii) the distribution of seed cocoons?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) (i) *Tinnevelly district*—

(1) Rochmanagar (Nanguneri taluk).
(2) Amalivanam (Nanguneri taluk).
(3) Tissenvillai (Nanguneri taluk).
(4) Kattuvavillai (Nanguneri taluk).

Chingleput district—

(5) Athur Reddipalaiyam.

Chittoor district—

(6) The Government Silk Farm, Palmaner (opened during August 1931).
(7) Chamarajapalli.
(8) Samudrapalli.
(9) Royalpet (Punganur taluk).
(10) Gollapalli (Palmaner taluk).
(11) Bommidoddi (Palmaner taluk).
(12) Anneganpalli.
(13) Gullaipalli.
(14) Vasanadu.

Salem district—

(15) Poonapalli (Hosur taluk).
(16) Dasarpalli (Hosur taluk).
(17) Mathigiri (Hosur taluk).

Kistna district—

(18) Jayanthipur.
(19) Nadigudem.
(20) Gollapalli.

West Godavari district—

(21) Ponangy.
(22) Chattaparu.

Vizagapatam district—

(23) Gajapatinagaram.

Anantapur district—

(24) Chakarlapalli.

(ii) About 100 acres.

(iii) Five sericultural demonstrators on Rs. 35—1—40 each, are stationed in the following places to look after the District sericultural operations:—

(1) Kuppam.
(2) Penukonda.
(3) Ellore.
(4) Jaggayapet.
(5) Vadakangulam.

The Moth Tester on Rs. 40 in charge of Government Silk Farm, Hosur, and the Farm Manager on Rs. 50—2—60 in charge of Government Silk Farm, Palmaner, are looking after the development of sericultural work in their respective areas, besides attending to the farm work.

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(c) Palmaner—

(i) 5 acres and 25 cents.

	During 1931–1932.	During 1932–1933.
(ii) Seed cocoons	51,450	109,495

Kuppan—

(i) 16 acres.

(ii) Seed cocoons	53,555	135,720

Mr. K. Koti Reddi :—" May I know why the sericultural operations are not tried in the Cuddapah district, when I believe Rayachoti taluk is suitable for it? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. Kumaraswami Reddiyar :—" Notice, please."

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Police

Recovery of the sum misappropriated in 1932 by the Head Clerk, Police Training School, Vellore.

536 Q.—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) what steps were taken to recover the amount misappropriated in the year 1932 by the then head clerk of the Police Training School, Vellore, and what portion of the misappropriated amount has been recovered so far; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in the matter of tenders for the supply of horse-food to the Police Training School, Vellore, the principle of accepting the lowest tender is not being adhered to; if so, why?

A.—(a) The total amount misappropriated by the late head clerk was Rs. 6,736–11–9. A sum of Rs. 2,036–0–1 found in the office and in the purse of the head clerk, and sums of Rs. 500 deposited by him as security and of Rs. 161–4–0 standing to his credit in the General Provident Fund were adjusted towards the loss sustained by the Government. A sum of Rs. 2,400 was ordered to be recovered from the officer concerned and the balance of Rs. 1,639–7–8 was written off the accounts.

(b) The Government have no information but have called for it.

Local Self-Government

Measures for the formation of panchayat boards.

537 Q.—Khan Bahadur Mahmud Schamnad Sahib Bahadur : Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are taking any steps and, if so, what, to see that the village panchayat boards are formed in all the villages as early as possible;

(b) whether the formation of such panchayats is left to the voluntary efforts of the villagers; and